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**1510.   Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to the tender for the appointment of a panel of South African registered suppliers to supply and/or supply and install locally produced 32 inch Integrated Digital Television sets for the 2020 indigent matriculants by the Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa,

 (a) what criteria were used to identify the recipient learners,

(b) what total number of matriculants were approved in each province,

(c) by what date will the televisions be installed and handed over to each matriculant ready to be used,

d) how would this assist matriculants who (i) are already back at school and (ii) will soon write final exams and leave school,

(e) what are the reasons that matriculants were not provided with computers and sim cards, free internet and Wi-Fi hotspots and

(f) what was the exact involvement of her department in this project?

**Response**

This Tender was not processed by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) so DBE does not have a comment on this. The question should be directed to the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies(DCDT) for an accurate response. USASSA is an entity reporting to DCDT.